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INCOME TAX OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION CASES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers and employees of Income Tax and Customs Department caught re-handed in corruption cases during the last financial year;

(b) the details of the items confiscated from them;

(c) the number of persons out of the above against whom trials are going on alongwith the status thereof; and

(d) the details of the initial departmental action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) 25 trap cases have been registered by the CBI against 23 officials of Income Tax and 13 officials of Customs and Central Excise during the last financial year 2002-03.

(b) All the 25 cases are either under investigation or under trial. Hence, there is no question of confiscation of any item from the accused persons before conclusion of trial or without specific order from the Court.

(c) 31 officials have been charge sheeted in 22 cases in the court and they are facing trial.

(d) 3 officials in 1 case have been referred by CBI to the concerned department for initiating regular departmental action against them.